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1. PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS HAS FILED WITH ROC CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION (CAA) REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF PERMISSION ALLOWING PAN AM TO OPERATE PASSENGER/CARGO/MAIL AND CHARTER SERVICE TO AND FROM TAIPEI COMMENCING MARCH 4, 1975. CAA RESPONSE NOW CLEARING MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE AFFIRMATIVE AGREEING TO PAN AM DESIGNATION BUT REQUIRING THAT INITIAL FLIGHT BE "PROVING FLIGHT", WITH ROC CAA INSPECTORS ABOARD FROM SFC TO HKG.

2. PAN AM'S FIRST WESTBOUND FLIGHT (843) ON NEW SERVICE WILL LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO AT 1905 LOCAL ON MARCH 2 VIA HONOLULU, GUAM AND OKINAWA AND ARRIVE TAIPEI 0650 LOCAL MARCH 4. WESTBOUND FLIGHTS WILL ARRIVE TAIPEI EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY UNTIL APRIL 9 WHEN FOURTH FREQUENCY WILL BE ADDED TO ARRIVE TAIPEI ON MONDAYS.

3. FIRST EASTBOUND FLIGHT (844) WILL ARRIVE TAIPEI AT 1455 LOCAL ON MARCH 4 AND LEAVE TAIPEI EACH TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AT 1545 LOCAL. ON APRIL 9 A FOURTH EASTBOUND FREQUENCY WILL BE ADDED
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SERVING TAIPEI ON MONDAYS.

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4. PAA WILL FLY 707 AIRCRAFT BETWEEN GUAM/OKINAWA/ TAIPEI AND HONG KONG, TRANSFERRING TO AND FROM 747'S AT GUAM BOTH DIRECTIONS.

5. PAN AM HAS RETAINED ITS FORMER GENERAL SALES AGENT, THE TAIWAN TRADING CORPORATION, BUT HAS ASSIGNED WILLIAM SHIH-CHENG WANG, FORMER PAN AM MANAGER FOR PACIFIC MARKETING PROGRAMS, AS ITS DIRECTOR FOR TAIWAN. WANG AND PAA REGIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR BILL COWDEN(HKG) HAVE IDENTIFIED ABOUT 10 OF TWA'S 41 FORMER EMPLOYEES FOR RETENTION. THERE WILL BE SOME INEVITABLE TRAUMA OVER RELEASED EMPLOYEES BUT PAN AM REPS BELIEVE THEY CAN OEPERATE IN LEANER STAFFING POSTURE THAN TWA, GIVING OVERALL MANAGEMENT TO THEIR GENERAL SALES AGENTS.

6. PAN AM ASSURED EMBASSY TRANSITION WILL BE SMOOTH, THOUGH SUCH ASSORTED PROBLEMS AS OFFICE SPACE, COMPENSATION (PAN AM PAYS LESS THAN TWA), EMPLOYEE STATUS AND ESPRIT DE CORPS (LOCAL PERSONNEL WILL BE TAIWAN TRADING CORP. EMPLOYEES AND NOT PAN AM'S), REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED.

7. EMBASSY POUCHING FEB. 24 COPIES OF EMBASSY NOTEDESIGNATING PAN AM, AND MOFA RESPONSE, AS REQUESTED REFTEL B.
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